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## ELDERS

*Pictured above are Frank Tiger and Esteline Schulenberg leading the Grand Entry and below are the Head Staff for the Elders Veterans Day Dance held at Tecumseh Square.*



# GOVERNOR'S REPORT

I hope all had a good Thanksgiving this year. The Executive Committee has voted and determined that a per cap will be issued to the elderly 60 years of age and over in December this year instead of the usual January as in the past. This will come when most people need additional revenue for Christmas and I wish all the elderly a happy Christmas and a great new year.

The Executive Committee also supported and voted to issue a per cap to all members starting from age zero to 59 in the month of December. Each member of the age group 22 to 59 will receive \$200.00 per person before taxes and the children under the age of eighteen and if there are any legally incompetent members, they will have their checks placed into a trust fund account for them. The children when reaching the age of 18 will be paid through the trust fund and we will have to set up other arrangements for the members that are or have been legally declared incompetent that will insure that they also will receive their fair share. The latest per cap payment was more when the members were

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**Governor Larry Nuckolls**

paid last time as the ages were from 22 to 59 and the children were left out from this payment. This time we included these children as they should have never been left out and is the reason that it is not the same amount as the past payments when we did not include these children.

It was my pledge to you in this past years' election that all age groups would be paid and not left out on any per cap payments in the future, including having a trust fund set up for our children. With this payment, I have kept my pledge to you and our children will have their share placed into a trust fund for them this Christmas, the same as you are receiving this payment. This per cap includes all members and I just wanted to once again thank you for the support that you gave me in the past election.

I hope that all members will have a great Christmas this year and I look forward to being able every year at Christmas time to pay all members of our tribe a per cap and with the great hope that in the future it will be more than what we are paying this year.

So from my house to yours have a very great Christmas this year.

Respectfully

Larry Nuckolls Governor

# LT. GOVERNOR REPORT

Ho! Hi gi ke ya fi ho wa se li si mi mo?

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and hopefully this edition of the newspaper reaches everyone in good health. I would like to start this report by informing tribal members of the Children's Christmas Party to be held on Saturday December 10th at Tecumseh Square from 10 am to 1 pm. We will also be serving breakfast to tribal members from 8 am to 10 am, prior to the children's party. There will be gifts for tribal children 0 to 12 and gift cards for teens 13 to 18, games and prizes for the children, and pictures with Santa Claus. Parents, please bring your child's Absentee Shawnee CDIB card so the kids can receive their gift. In the event your family cannot attend the party or if there is inclement weather on the date of the party, the Lieutenant Governor's Office will mail your child's gift to your current address on file with the Enrollment Department. We hope to see you there.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Indian Child Welfare Department on receiving a letter of commendation from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The tribe received the letter during the latter part of October and congratulations are in order to Jodi Owings for her hard work.

November was recognized as Native American Heritage Month by the State of Oklahoma and to commemorate Native American Heritage Month, the Cultural Preservation Department sponsored Absentee Shawnee Heritage Week November 2nd thru November 5th. The event included moccasin making, finger weaving, sample items of a traditional meal, and historical literature about Shawnees. To close Absentee Shawnee Heritage Week, a mini festival was scheduled for Saturday November 5th, but was rescheduled for Sunday November 20th due to a death. The festival included mini-demonstration classes, crafts for sale, and traditional food items for lunch. Ne yi wa to the volunteers, vendors, instructors, the Cultural Preservation staff for planning and conducting Absentee Shawnee Heritage Week, and all who attended the event.

On Monday, November 21st, Lit-



**Lt. Governor Scott Miller**

tle Axe Elementary School held a morning assembly where George Blanchard and I were invited to talk to the kids about the Shawnees. This is the second year we have spoken at Little Axe Elementary and we enjoy teaching the children about some of the Shawnee way of life. This year a few Absentee Shawnee elementary students dressed in their ceremonial clothes to show fellow students our traditional dress. The Little Axe High School Indian Club conducted demonstrations of two types of nighttime social dances we do at the dance ground, a Stomp Dance and a Stirrup Dance. I would like to thank little Axe Schools and the Indian Club for the invitation and allowing members of the tribe to help the children learn more about our tribe.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank South Rock Creek School for allowing George and Sue Blanchard, Anthony Warrior, Pat Bell, and myself to make a presentation to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades about the Shawnee culture. As far as we know, this was the first presentation the tribe has given for the school. We gave the students a mini-fashion show of traditional Shawnee clothes, talked about some Shawnee history, taught the students how to count to ten in Shawnee, and demonstrated two nighttime social dances. The goal of the presentations is to show students the difference in tribal cultures and that not all tribes are the same.

Finally, I hope everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ne ko ge. Si li no ke ka no la!

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Greetings Everyone!

First of all I would like to express my condolences to the families of Floyd Switch, Johnnie May Gokie and Daniel Griffith Armstrong.

I have had a busy month. The second week of November I was asked by COTA (Circle of Tribal Advisory), to represent and carry the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's flag. It was an honor to represent the Tribe in this manner. There were twenty-two (22) different tribal flags displayed at the ceremony. All of this took place in Portland, Oregon. My next stop was Hollywood, Florida where the Governor and I attended the National Indian Gaming Commission's Mid-Year Conference. There are some issues going on in the Indian Gaming world that we need to keep abreast of. The Governor gave a speech that expressed the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe's opinion, as well as lots of others, about the way the Government is handling these issues. The Governor did a good job in expressing our concerns to the Department of Justice.

The Executive Committee has asked many times that you keep your current address on file with the Tribe.



*Secretary Steve Johnson*

Once again, I would like to stress how important this is. If you have moved, PLEASE contact this office or the Enrollment Office to update your address.

I am still working on the survey that I promised; it will be out soon. My door is always open; I would like to thank all of you who have contacted my office with ideas or concerns.

Sincerely,

Steve Johnson  
Tribal Secretary

The re-location of Horseshoe Bend is of great concern to me. The main concern of the new proposed location to the west side of Highway 177 is there are no Indians residing in the area. There are approximately 200 Indians living within a 2-mile radius of Horseshoe Bend. Relocation to Highway 177 is inconvenient and nearly impossible for the Indian Community to enjoy this facility.

To move the location the Tribe would have to perform an Environmental Assessment for the Highway 177 location. The Horseshoe Bend location has already been Environmentally Assessed. Conducting another Environmental Assessment will absorb more Tribe resources (money) and take longer to complete a much-needed facility. There is a possibility that another Environmental Assessment/Review Record will not pass the most recent requirement or changes as published in the latest CFR.

There are no water or sewer lines at the proposed Highway 177 location. The Tribe would have to spend more money to get water and sewer lines from the City of Tecumseh or spend money to drill for water and install a septic system. It is senseless to do additional work when the Horseshoe Bend location has water and sewer and is ready to build on.

Another concern is the condition of the current building at Horseshoe Bend. The Federal Government approved the Horseshoe Bend grant based on hazardous conditions of that building. A few problems with that building are water damage from the roof leaking causing a heavy contamination of mold, a large gap underneath the kitchen's exit door, holes and gaps in the walls and floors

### Attention:

Students interested in taking courses this Spring 2006, need to contact the AST Education Department as soon as possible to determine which documents you will need to submit.

For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275-4030 ext. 121 or 1-800-256-3341 or email to [tresham@astribe.com](mailto:tresham@astribe.com).

## TREASURER'S REPORT



*Treasurer Russell Ellis*

allowing entry and infestation of insects and rodents, which violates FDA Food Code. There are no emergency exit signs or emergency lighting and there are no occupancy postings in the current building. These are a few violations of Federal Government safety codes.

This building was erected when Governor Nuckolls formerly held the office of Governor in the late 1990's. This building is less than ten years old and the construction cost was \$200,000 for the 1276 square foot building. In less than ten years, the building is in a dilapidated state and the Tribe paid an exorbitant amount of money to build it. Considering the condition of the building and the fact that there is no occupancy load posting suggests the building was poorly constructed with out the use of professional architects and certified building contractors.

The building currently on the Horseshoe Bend site is hazardous and needs to be demolished. The Indian Community needs a new facility. Moving forward with building the Community Center at Horseshoe Bend will save time and money by not repeating tasks already performed and get the facility completed by professionals ensuring compliance with Federal Codes and ensuring many years of use for the Indian Community.

## NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The following are current programs administered by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Education Department:

- Academic (K-12)—assists with academic related expenses and some assistance for school sponsored athletic programs.
- Zahn—assistance with the basic or economy graduation package, GED and High School graduation incentives
- Job Training/Adult Education—for those interested in vocational training and career development.
- Education Incentive Award—for those interested in undergraduate degrees.
- Graduate Scholarship—for those interested in Master's or Doctoral degrees.

## REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Fall is in the air and Christmas is fast approaching. I would like to remind everyone that the AST Resource Center is sponsoring a Christmas Program on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The Lt Governor's office has arranged for the AST Christmas Children's Party to take place at the Tecumseh Square on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, with breakfast at 8am and the party at 10am. Also, the Executive Committee has taken recent action that will allow the Elders to receive their distribution in December instead of waiting until January. Sounds like a good start to the holiday season, so be sure and take advantage of these activities.

What is going on with our tribe? This is one of the questions that I am asked the most and at times it is the most difficult to answer. The tribe is continually dealing on a daily basis with issues concerning tribal members, tribal employees, per caps, tribal health, tribal governments, local governments, state governments, the federal government, gaming, economic development, land use, land purchases, finances, investments, internal controls, external controls, commissions, committees, boards, compacts, contracts, memorandums of understanding, law enforcement agreements, consultations, consultants, construc-



Representative Leroy Ellis

tion, competition, BIA, DOJ, IHS, NIGC, EPA, ODOT, ONG, OG&E and many others. While some of the questions may seem simple, providing the proper answer sometimes is not so simple, but I will always try to the best of my knowledge to provide one. I believe we should be forth right in our business activities at all times and that the tribal membership has the right to any and all public information. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you these past few months and if you have any questions, feel free to call me or come by my office. Also, I like to offer my condolences to all who have lost loved ones in the last few months.

Respectfully  
Leroy Ellis



AST Event Sunday: Participants gather round instructor, Pauline Wahpepah, for the make and take finger weaving demonstration class held at BrendleCorner.

## NEWS FROM THE TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE/CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT

*Prompted by legislation presented by Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Congressional Delegate Eni Faleomavaega (D-American Samoa), President George Bush declared the first National American Indian Heritage Month on August 3, 1990. However, in 1996, President Bill Clinton declared November as the time to officially kick off National American Indian Heritage Month. To commemorate our own heritage, our department hosted "Absentee Shawnee Heritage Week" during the month of November. Throughout the week we held several make and take demonstration classes, featured paintings from the Ernest Spybuck collection, distributed various materials and provided a traditional meal here at the Title VI building and another at Brendle Corner.*

*On behalf of the Cultural Preservation staff, I would like to thank Lt. Governor, Scott Miller for his support, and AST staff that went the extra mile to assist us in this event-Anthony Warrior and Title VI staff, Renee Hood and OEP staff and Andy Warrior. Our thanks also go out to Sue Blanchard for coordinating the traditional meal at Brendle Corner and to all those who assisted in preparing the meal. We hope this will become an annual event and improve each year. Please provide us feedback on what YOU would like to see included next year.*

*Happy Holidays to all!*

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**Moccasin - Class:** Some examples from the Mini-Moccasin class held at the tribal complex.



MealSunday: Participants line up for the meal prepared by our Shawnee elders.

## THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE NEWS BIRTHDAY LIST

FullName	Date
White, Beckie Lynett	12/01
Crosswhite, Donna Elaine	12/01
Johnson, Byron Mack	12/01
Byington, David Adam	12/01
Sherrill, Cody Michael	12/01
Hackbarth, Joseph Woodard	12/01
Solis, Adrianna Clavel	12/01
Pickens, Irma Juanita	12/02
Gibson, Harvey Lewis	12/02
Switch, Herbert Clifford	12/02
Anderson, Alecia Dawn	12/02
Ellis, Andrea Layne	12/02
Goodwin, Alissa Mae	12/02
Larney, Flora Jean-Kent	12/03
Pewenofkit, Jay Patrick	12/03
Thorpe, Jamie Lee	12/03
Maldonado, Trevian Alexander	12/03
Galloway, Skylar Matthew	12/03
Patton, Erionna Marie	12/03
Stevens Jr., Houston	12/04
Little Creek, Mitzie Arlene	12/04
Morlan, Debra Jean	12/04
Littlebear, Patrick	12/04
Odell, Travis Dewayne	12/04
Blanchard, Jamie Chereese	12/04
Tolbert, Justin Wade	12/04
Warrior, Whitney Michelle	12/04
Stanley, Denelle Mae	12/04
Florick, Krista Leann	12/04
McGuffin, Vickie Ann	12/05
Wilson, Alvin Blaine	12/05
Bullen, Shelly Lisa	12/05
Simpson, Thurman Ray	12/05
Larney, Darnell Maxine	12/05
Neash, Nekkia Christine	12/05
Blanchard, Ashley Gabrielle	12/05
Johnson, Camille Marie	12/05
Wyatt, Leona Fern	12/06
Goodman, Edith White	12/06
Sloat, Arthur Wayne	12/06
Wabaunasee, Mary Ellen	12/06
McCulloch III, Grant Howard	12/06
Squire, Johnnie Larue	12/06
Smith, Cheryl Renae	12/06
New Moon, Melissa Elaine	12/06
Garretson, Janis Marie	12/06
Littlebear, Brenda	12/06
Trammell, Lisa Michelle	12/06
Stinger Jr., Jack Theophilus	12/06
Watson, Zachary Miles	12/06
Sultuska Jr., Jerome Ray	12/07
Ballard, Debra Ann	12/07
Byers, Jonell	12/07
Grass, Billie Jean	12/07
Kickapoo, Shawnee H.	12/07
Longhorn, Stuart Kyle	12/07
Littlebear, Paul Jaccob	12/07
Rolette, Lawrence R.	12/08
Longman Sr., Clyde Bennie	12/08
Williams, Okah Melina	12/08
James, Gregory Dale	12/08
Wyatt, Vance Allen	12/08
Robison, Rachel Erin	12/08
Gibson, Garret Henry	12/08
Ellis, Jessica Marie	12/08
Jantz, Evan Blake	12/08

Blanchard, Amber Nichole	12/09	Bender, Maecie Raelene	12/16	Crow, Kimberly Kay	12/25
Bui, Wiley	12/09	Jones, Eleanor Axe Washington	12/17	Williams, Daniell Anissa	12/25
Brokeshoulder, Elk Eli	12/09	Bradley, Phillip Monroe	12/17	Delodge, Ciara Davon	12/25
Shawnee, Arla Nicole	12/09	Cortez, La Donna Marie	12/17	McBride, Damien Nicholas	12/25
Graham, Jordan Michael	12/09	Sinks, Tammy Relin	12/17	Ballard, Donald Gene	12/26
Ellis, Matthew Drew	12/09	Mammen, Deann Marie	12/17	Gibson, Lousetta B.	12/26
Spoon, Jiliyan Jade	12/09	Haumpy, William Allen	12/17	Sanchez, Tommy Shawnego	12/26
Shoemaker, Pauline Williams	12/10	Wilson, Kaitlyn Nicole	12/17	Foreman, Carole Jean	12/26
Little, Richard Wayne	12/10	Colungo, Wilma Wildena	12/18	Little Axe Sr., Ricky Lee	12/26
Webb, Charles Kenneth	12/10	Schofield, Marquita Jean	12/18	Rolette, Larry James	12/26
Ontiveros-Adame, Tina Marie	12/10	Ponkilla, Carl Wayne	12/18	Coffee, Larry Ben	12/26
Johnson, James Christopher	12/10	Deere, Delana Sue	12/18	Butler, Colleen Lou Ann	12/26
Davis, Holly Ann	12/10	Spybuck, Nicholas Lawrence	12/18	Williams, Adrian Thomas	12/26
Fowler, Joanna Marie	12/10	Deer, Alena Rose	12/18	Little Axe, William Dennis	12/26
Squire, Marvin Lee	12/11	Bigpond, Bobby Gene	12/19	Couch, Zelma Switch	12/27
Cuellar Jr, Clifford Eugene	12/11	Thorpe, Matilda C. Masquat	12/19	Brown, Charlotte Elaine	12/27
Williams, Billy John	12/11	Maxfield, Tommy	12/19	Teehee, Penny Lynn	12/27
Littlebear, Susan Gail	12/11	Little Axe, Maxine	12/19	Thorpe, Dara Beth	12/27
Webster, Ryan Bennett	12/11	Day, George Michael	12/19	Nicholson, Lee Anna	12/27
Bates, Howard Eugene	12/11	Masquat, Dana Lanelle	12/19	Wolf Jr, Eric Wayne	12/27
Harjo, Laketa Kaye	12/11	Williams, Michelle Lee	12/19	Delodge, Wayne Lee	12/27
Pawpa, Jacey Tatum	12/11	Downs, Che` Kyle	12/19	Proctor, Juanita Joy	12/27
Starr, Jack Eugene	12/12	Allen, Annabelle Marie	12/19	Armstrong, Hobart	12/27
Daugherty, Samuel Edwin	12/12	Duran, Anthony George	12/20	Creek, Christopher Samuel	12/27
Evans, Steven E	12/12	Deere, Kathleen Ann	12/20	Shields, Desirae Roxanne	12/27
Longman, John Wayne	12/12	Hooper, Steven Joe	12/20	Perry, Savannah Jade	12/27
Watson, Alicia Diane	12/12	Johnson, Marlene Jane	12/20	Youngbear, Curtis Joshua	12/27
Thorpe, Preston Barrett	12/12	Olsen, Tonya Lynn	12/20	Blanchard, Louis	12/28
Ellis, Ciara Renee	12/12	Atwood, Crystal Dawn	12/20	Brokeshoulder, Glenda Mae	12/28
Purcell, Desmond Lee	12/12	Spoon Jr, Carl David	12/20	Schmidt, Sammie Anne	12/28
Shields, Ty Xavier	12/12	Kaniatobe, Guy Willis	12/20	Brokeshoulder, Katrina Sue	12/28
Solis, Jose Maria	12/12	Ponkilla, Orrin Heath	12/20	Neash, Bobby Joe	12/28
Huckaby, Mary Louise Tyner	12/13	James, Constance Logan	12/21	White, Edward Leon	12/28
McGuire, Mary A. Masquat	12/13	Valdivia, Shirley Ann	12/21	Martinez Jr, Timothy Andrew	12/28
Alaee, Beverly Jo	12/13	Tello-Faz, Jennie Rebecca	12/21	Littlebear, Waleen Tenae	12/28
Hood, John Michael	12/13	Rolette, Tiffany Renee	12/21	Beartusk, Brian James	12/28
Spybuck, Barbara Ann	12/13	Chafin, Sierra Nicole	12/21	Carpenter, Whitney Rochelle	12/28
Bump, Tonya Lynn	12/13	Kennedy, Deborah Leigh	12/22	Garretson, Christopher Ronald	12/28
Martinez, Tewa Marie	12/13	Wilson-Lafferty, Retha Ann	12/22	Wilson, Jessie Lee	12/28
Galloway, Daisy Jade	12/13	Logan, Glenda Sue	12/22	Chisholm, Keegan Conner	12/28
Lareau, Mary Susan	12/14	Innis, Quanah Guy	12/22	Wilson, Scottlyn Marie	12/28
Gibson, Willie Ray	12/14	Pine, Jacob Lawrence	12/22	Blanchard, Clifton G.	12/29
Stone, Sherry Darlene	12/14	Ellis, Justin Lee	12/22	Butler, Wosey Jane	12/29
Byers, Sherry Levon	12/14	Guzman, Ginger Gaille	12/22	Onzahwah, Brian Neil	12/29
Hall, Sarah Jean	12/14	Brown, Cochanna Christine	12/22	Littlecreek, Ronnie Joe	12/29
Jimerson, Magan Christina	12/14	Sanchez, Sofia Magdalena	12/22	Rolette, Ryan Adam	12/29
Johnson, Guenevere Tess	12/14	Galloway, Kory Damien	12/22	Littlebear, Jonathon	12/29
White, Callie-Kaye Ellice	12/14	Little Charley, Newman	12/23	Grass, Gage Owen	12/29
Mizell, Janice Maria	12/15	Foreman, Zelda Mae	12/23	Molina, Deanne Jo	12/30
Spybuck, Deborah Ann	12/15	Spoon, Roberta Lynn	12/23	Bui, Noreen Fay	12/30
Murdock, Brian Lee	12/15	Brokeshoulder, Vickie Robin	12/23	Wilson, Dwayne Alan	12/30
Shawnee, Carrah Dawnell	12/15	Kilmer, Sandra Lynn	12/23	Kastl, Scott Christopher	12/30
Shawnee, Corey Wayne	12/15	Littlecreek, Sarah Denae	12/23	Nelson, Debra Ann	12/30
Berry, Dakota Trah	12/15	Longhorn, Kaselyn Diane	12/23	Farris, Stacey Lynn	12/30
Cody, Dakoda Hunter	12/15	Gibson, Lita Danielle	12/23	Cravens, Christopher Dale	12/30
Little Axe, Jaydell Chance	12/15	Masquat, Catherine	12/24	Womack, Cody Lee	12/30
White Sr., Robert	12/16	Wilson, Cooper Francis	12/24	Gurrola, Arturo Jr	12/30
Creeping Bear, Bobby	12/16	Sloat, Ramona Cadue	12/24	Hayes, Jackson Elias	12/30
Ashmore, Anita Carol	12/16	Torres-Salazar, Mary Ellen	12/24	Sultuska, James Edward	12/31
Johnson, Steve Allen	12/16	Squire, Christopher Lane	12/24	Makaseah, Jennifer Ann	12/31
Miller, Alicia Le Waine Edwards	12/16	Cooper, Beverly Rose	12/24	Ryan, Crystal Gay	12/31
Johnson, George Benjamin	12/16	Oles, Robin Jewel	12/24	Little Charley, Sarah	12/31
Limon, Jennifer Nell	12/16	Johnson Jr., Anthony David	12/24	Merrell, Cass Adam	12/31
Blanchard, Crystal Raylene	12/16	Miller, Dominique Marie	12/24	Littlebear, Calvin	12/31
Coon, Vannessa Rae	12/16	Warrior, David Leon	12/24	Tiger, Joseph Aaron	12/31
Maxfield, Joseph Thad	12/16	Warrior, Catherine Renae	12/24	Longhorn Jr., Keith Warren	12/31
Breeding, Matthew Thad	12/16	Puckitt, Cody Michael	12/24	Longman, Collin Jay	12/31
Megehee, Dakota Micheal	12/16	Factor, Shelia Ellen	12/25	Frye, Zoe Ann	12/31

## NEWS FROM THE AST HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority is now offering a new program for qualified Absentee Shawnee Tribal members in need of housing repairs. Our new "Maintenance Assistance Program" has been developed to assist those Homeowners/Homebuyers with necessary repairs.

Participants of the Mutual Help/Homeownership Program, as well as individual homeowners, may be able to qualify. All applicants must be Absentee Shawnee Tribal members, 62 or older, disabled or handicapped, below the 80% median income for family size, reside within Absentee Shawnee service area and participate in the Maintenance Workshop.

If you are interested, we are encouraging you to complete an application for the program or contact the Housing Authority. Applications may be picked up at the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority, located at 107 N. Kimberly, or the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, located at 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee.

Please feel free to call (405) 273-1050 for further information or to have an application mailed to you.

## ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ELECTION COMMISSION ANNOUNCING THE OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION IN 2006

The following positions will be voted on in the Primary Election held in 2006

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>FILING FEES</u>
LT. GOVERNOR	2 Year Term	\$300.00
TREASURER	2 Year Term	\$300.00
REPRESENTATIVE	2 Year Term	\$300.00

### ELECTION COMMISSION

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>FILING FEES</u>
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER	3 Year Term	\$75.00
COMMISSION MEMBER #1	3 Year Term	\$75.00

**Tribal Members** who are interested in announcing his/her candidacy should do so by submitting a Candidacy Form along with the appropriate filing fee to the Election Commission from January 1<sup>st</sup> - January 10<sup>th</sup> 2006 (excluding Weekends and Holidays) from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m

The filing fees must be in the form of a Cashier's Check, Money Order or Certified Check made payable to: **Absentee Shawnee Election Commission**.

**Cash or Personal Checks will NOT be accepted.**

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### FY-2005 YTD TAX COLLECTIONS (thru 10/31/05)

RUN DATE:  
11/21/05

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED
Sales (6%)	\$29,367.33	\$32,345.94	\$28,167.15	\$27,650.79	\$26,649.96	\$62,043.30	\$48,918.17	\$59,479.67	\$51,642.40	\$27,296.72	\$393,561.43	5.76%
Gaming (6%)(23%)	\$570,392.42	\$678,762.44	\$787,531.79	\$588,829.81	\$805,280.28	\$596,091.67	\$571,520.10	\$626,787.75	\$455,091.96	\$494,399.69	\$6,174,687.91	90.42%
Employee (1%)	\$12,974.63	\$5,059.44	\$15,119.69	\$10,274.97	\$13,610.15	\$12,508.66	\$12,365.64	\$15,020.01	\$11,729.59	\$12,875.50	\$121,538.28	1.78%
Severance (8%)	\$2,221.09	\$1,813.53	\$2,717.29	\$2,058.13	\$2,990.35	\$2,289.71	\$2,568.93	\$2,316.20	\$2,477.88	\$4,215.59	\$25,668.70	0.38%
Motor Vehicle	\$7,348.56	\$8,876.83	\$10,689.21	\$11,508.66	\$8,885.73	\$11,519.90	\$9,813.77	\$14,869.14	\$13,249.12	\$13,901.45	\$110,662.37	1.62%
Miscellaneous	\$160.00	\$239.50	\$212.50	\$122.00	\$300.00	\$162.50	\$315.00	\$137.50	\$273.00	\$565.00	\$2,487.00	0.04%
<b>TOTAL TRIBAL TAXES &amp; FEES</b>	<b>\$622,464.03</b>	<b>\$727,097.68</b>	<b>\$844,437.63</b>	<b>\$640,444.36</b>	<b>\$857,716.47</b>	<b>\$684,615.74</b>	<b>\$645,501.61</b>	<b>\$718,610.27</b>	<b>\$534,463.95</b>	<b>\$553,253.95</b>	<b>\$6,828,605.69</b>	<b>100%</b>
State Fees	XXXX	\$15,262.56	\$24,124.78	\$20,233.93	\$15,121.90	\$9,908.20	\$2,620.50	\$89,657.61	\$35,562.10	\$11,687.82	\$224,179.40	
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$622,464.03</b>	<b>\$742,360.24</b>	<b>\$868,562.41</b>	<b>\$660,678.29</b>	<b>\$872,838.37</b>	<b>\$694,523.94</b>	<b>\$648,122.11</b>	<b>\$808,267.88</b>	<b>\$570,026.05</b>	<b>\$564,941.77</b>	<b>\$7,052,785.09</b>	

NOTE:

- State/Tribal Gaming Compact expires 1/1/2010.
- Gaming includes Casino Machines, Blackjack, and Poker.
- Blackjack began 1/27/05; Poker began 4/11/05.
- Gaming Tax amended from 6% of Gross to 23% of Net Win, effective 2/24/05 (Reso LAS-2005-06).
- Gaming Tax amended to assess 6% on Machines Currency Drop, 23% on Blackjack Net Win (Pool), and 23% on Poker Rake, effective 10/7/05 (Reso LAS-2005-43).

**REQUEST FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE  
MARCH 18, 2006 PRIMARY ELECTION**

**PLEASE** fill out **EACH BLANK** completely and return by the Deadline.

**ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that I am or will be an Eligible Voter of  
(Print Name)  
the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on or before March 18, 2006. I cannot physically be present to cast  
my Vote at the March 18, 2006 Primary Election, therefore, I am requesting an Absentee Ballot  
be mailed to me at the following address.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

CDIB#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All **REQUEST** must be received by February 26, 2006  
Return this Form to:

Absentee Shawnee Election Commission  
P.O. Box 741  
Tecumseh, OK 74873

All eligible voters are entitled to vote, either at the polls or by Absentee Ballot.

For your convenience - This request may be duplicated

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**ELECTION COMMISSION USE ONLY**

Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_

If Disapproved (reason): \_\_\_\_\_

Denial Letter Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_ Ballot Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Election Commission/Representative

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**To Benny and Rebecca Duboise  
on their new baby boy  
“Baby Nate”**

**Nathaniel Sean Duboise was born  
on October 03, 2005. He weighed  
6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 inches  
long.**

**He has two sisters Consuela S.  
Duboise and Rynell M. Duboise,  
all of Gallup New Mexico.**

**Grandparents are:  
Joe and Shelia Johnson of  
Shawnee, Great Grandma Linda  
Ponkilla of Shawnee and Granny  
Erma Washington of Norman.  
He has several uncles, aunts and  
cousins.**

**Nathaniel Sean Duboise**

**Happy Belated Birthday  
to  
Rebecca K. Duboise**

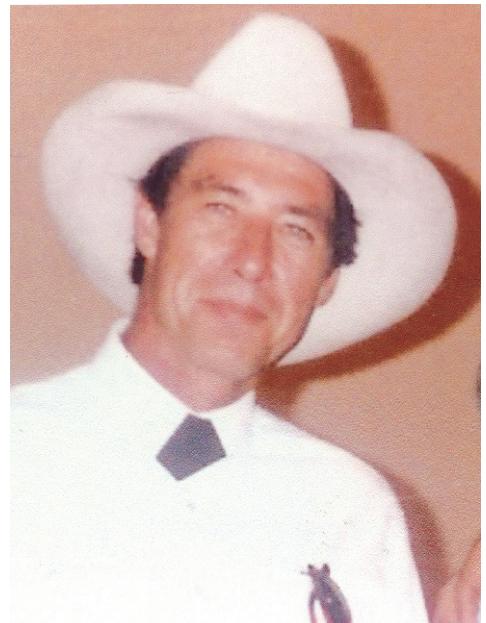
**Getting older Girl!!  
from O'Dad & Mom**

**Happy Belated Birthday Brother****on November 16, 2005****Your Little Sister, Kristy****Merry Christmas Brother****Love Your Little Sister****Kristy  
2005****BABY WILLIAM****Lawerance Rolette**

**Happy Birthday  
Uncle Lawerance Rolette  
Love, Frankie, Austin, Jayden Ray  
Buffy and Brittani  
and Your Sister Pat**

**Will Haumpy**

**Happy 19th Birthday  
Cuz Will Haumpy and have a  
good one and we are proud of  
you.**

**Merry Christmas  
from Heaven**

**Happy Birthday  
Grandpa Lawerance Rolette  
Love,  
Ari and tha' Kids**

**Frankie, Austin, Jayden Ray!  
and Buffy, Brittani & Aunt Pat**

**I love you all dearly, now  
don't shed a tear,  
I'm spending my Christmas  
with Jesus this year.  
Ted L. Maxfield  
1952 - 2005**

RECENT WINNERS OF THE BASKETBALL CHALLENGE HELD AT THE LITTLE AXE GYM ARE PICTURED BELOW AND A PHOTO OF ALL THE PARTICIPANTS ARE TO THE RIGHT.



1ST PLACE WINNERS



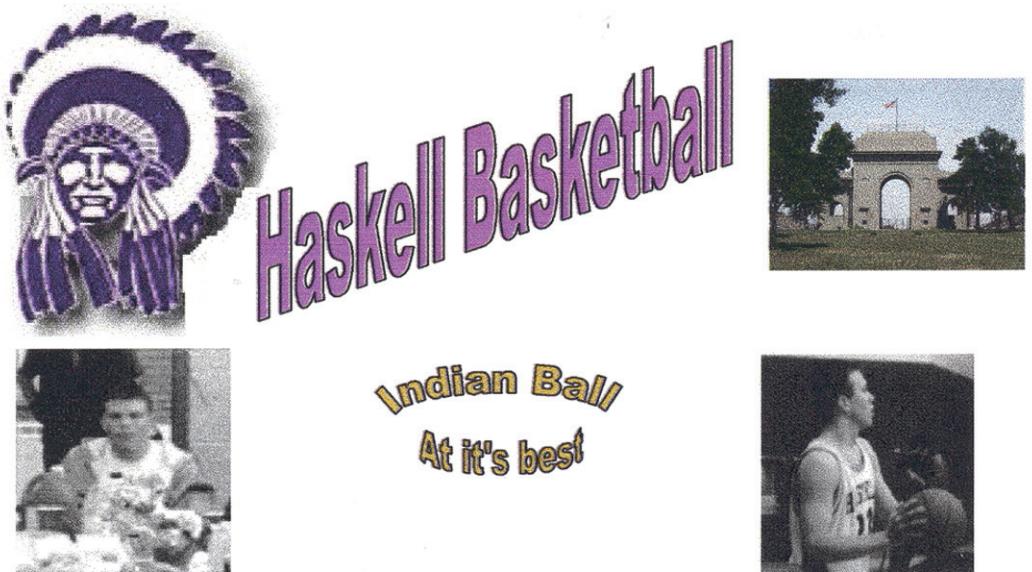
2ND PLACE WINNERS



3RD PLACE WINNERS



GROUP PICTURE OF BASKETBALL CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS



**Haskell Fans !!**  
**Support your Fightn' Indians !!**

**December 29, 2005**  
**St. Gregory's College**  
**Shawnee, OK**  
**7:00 pm**



LOCAL HASKELL ALUMNI ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE GAME TO SUPPORT THE TEAM.  
DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED TO PROVIDE A POST-GAME MEAL FOR THE TEAM AND COACHES ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 29TH AT THE POTAWATOMIE COMMUNITY BUILDING

PLEASE CONTACT ROSE WILSON AT 405 395-9339 FOR DETAILS



**They will thrill you !!**



## ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

## REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 21, 2005

## EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

## E-AS-2005-94

**A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING AND ACCEPTING CALVIN LITTLEBEAR, JUSTON ALLEN MARTIN, KONNER LEE LITTLE CHARLEY HARRIS AND GRACI RAQUEL LITTLE AXE AS ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA.**

Calvin Littlebear	12/23/1983	1/4
Juston Allen Martin	09/02/2005	1/4
Konner Lee		
Little Charley Harris	05/28/1998	1/4
Graci Raquel Little Axe	07/17/2005	3/8

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma hereby approves and accepts the above named individuals as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

## CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve A. Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2005-94 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called Regular Meeting held on November 21, 2005, there being a quorum present by a vote of: **3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions**, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes; Secretary Johnson: Yes; Treasurer Ellis: Absent; Representative Ellis: Yes; Governor Nuckolls vote, if required: N/A.

## E-AS-2005-95

**A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA GRANTING VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA TO SUSAN MICHELLE SULPHUR, MELVALENE CADUE, BRANDON JAMES KASECA AND CHRISTOPHER LEE KASECA EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby grants voluntary relinquishment of membership of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to the above named individuals, effective immediately

## CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve A. Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2005-95 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called Regular Meeting held on November 21, 2005, there being a quorum present by a vote of: **3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions**, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes; Secretary Johnson: Yes; Treasurer Ellis: Absent; Representative Ellis: Yes; Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

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**Ellis: Yes; Governor Nuckolls vote, if required: N/A.**

## E-AS-2005-96

**A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF 1.5 MILES TO THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA'S TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN.**

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan consist of an integrated network of roads and bridges in Cleveland and Pottawatomie Counties which are extremely important to the logistic needs to tribal members, commercial business districts and the economic development of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, and

**WHEREAS**, the sections of road meet all criteria that would allow the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place said miles on the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's Road Inventory, and

**WHEREAS**, to utilize Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Reservation Roads funds to develop and improve these sections of road, they must be placed on the Indian Reservation Road System.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes authorizing the addition of 1.5 miles to the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan.

## CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-05-96 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on November 21, 2005, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor: YES, Secretary: YES, Treasurer: ABSENT Representative: YES, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

## E-AS-2005-97

**A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA RESCINDING EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2004-54 WHICH RESOLUTION AUTHORIZED CHANGES IN THE BENEFIT CONTRACTS (HEALTH, DENTAL AND LIFE) REGARDING WAITING PERIODS/EFFECTIVE DATES FOR ALL TRIBAL ENTITIES; EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

**WHEREAS**, from time to time it is necessary to amend policies and procedures.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby rescinds Executive Resolution No. E-AS-2004-54 which Resolution authorized changes in the benefit contracts (health, dental and life) regarding waiting periods/effective dates for all tribal entities; **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**.

## CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve A. Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2005- 97 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on November 21, 2005, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Russell Ellis: Absent, Representative Leroy Ellis: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

## E-AS-2005-98

**A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF A CHECKING ACCOUNT TITLED CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE.**

**WHEREAS**, the tribe is in need of a way to separately account for the usage of the Catastrophic Health Care Dollars generated by the general fund.

**WHEREAS**, a separate checking account is deemed necessary for this purpose.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby authorizes the opening of a checking account titled Catastrophic Health Care.

## CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2005-98 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on November 21, 2005, there being a quorum present, by vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Russell Ellis: Absent, Representative Leroy Ellis: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

## E-AS-2005-99

**A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) BROWNFIELDS CLEAN UP GRANT – LILLARD PROPERTY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma recognizes the importance to enhance and foster administrative infrastructure to strengthen its legal authority necessary for growth and expansion of tribal endeavors and self governance capacity for its Tribal members and employees through federal funding initiatives.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby approves and authorizes an application and submission to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Clean Up Grant – Lillard Property.

## CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E AS-2005-99 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on November 21, 2005, there being a quorum present, by vote of **3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions**, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes; Secretary Johnson: Yes; Treasurer Ellis: Absent; Representative Ellis: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

## E-AS-2005-100

**A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) BROWNFIELDS CLEAN UP GRANT – MCVEY PROPERTY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma recognizes the importance to enhance and foster administrative infrastructure to strengthen

its legal authority necessary for growth and expansion of tribal endeavors and self governance capacity for its Tribal members and employees through federal funding initiatives.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby approves and authorizes an application and submission to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Clean Up Grant – McVey Property.

#### CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E AS-2005-100 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on November 21, 2005, there being a quorum present, by vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes; Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Ellis: Absent, Representative Ellis: Yes; Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

#### REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 21, 2005

#### LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

L-AS-2005-45

#### A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING A SINGLE PER CAPITA PAYMENT TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS 60 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER WHO ARE 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2005.

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee wishes to honor all Tribal Members who as of November 30, 2005 are 60, years of age and older.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes a single per capita payment to all tribal members 60 years of age and older who are 60 years of age or older as of November 30, 2005.

#### CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-05-45 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on November 21, 2005, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor: Yes, Secretary: Yes, Treasurer: Absent Representative: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

L-AS-2005-46

#### A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING A SINGLE PER CAPITA PAYMENT TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS 60 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER WHO ARE 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2005.

**TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE PLAN ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE FUNDS AS SET OUT IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"; EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

**WHEREAS**, a plan has been developed to meet current and future catastrophic costs and provide preventative health care to Tribal members, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Tribe and the Tribal members that this Plan be adopted.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby approves and adopts the Plan on the Distribution of Catastrophic Health Care funds as set out in the attached Exhibit "A"; **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**.

#### CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2005-46 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on November 21, 2005, there being a quorum present, by vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Russell Ellis: Absent, Representative Leroy Ellis: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

## Why Test Water?

Many overlook and take water for granted. Because of this water is wasted and polluted everyday. Determining the contents of water has become very important. Pollution control and conservation of water can be monitored and regulated by finding out how much and what is in water. Water for drinking purposes has standards set by the USEPA to insure health. Most waters open to the public for other purpose, such as swimming and fishing in Oklahoma, must meet standards set by the state.

Water is tested to determine what kind of contaminants may be present. At present, oxygen content, nitrogen, and phosphorous are tested for in all waters where human contact or consumption occur. In addition, the temperature, pH, conductivity, alkalinity, hardness, and turbidity are all tested for to help determine water quality. The USEPA now recommends the aquatic life present be observed and recorded. All of these factors allow scientists and others working with water to determine water quality. The results can be kept and compared from one test period to the next and trends and patterns can be considered.

Planning for increased usage or degraded water quality can be accomplished by studying these patterns. Pollution sources can be located and corrected through the collection of testing data. This can be used to manage the problem and help prevent reoccurrence. Knowing when the increased usage happens during the year can be planned for by conservation during the lower demand periods. During the warm summer months oxygen content of surface water decreases, this can lead to fish kills. Knowing the content of the water and the amount of oxygen available to the fish are very important in avoiding these situations.

As science advances and equipment becomes available determining water quality through testing will increase. In order to preserve the quality of water for

future generations, water testing will play an important role. Record keeping and analysis of the test results will allow governments the ability to protect the water resources. Regulations and enforcement of these regulations will depend heavily on water testing results. With progress more problematic contaminants will be identified. Pollution can be addressed and managed. For future generations and water quality preservation water is tested.

## CONTRACT HEALTH INFORMATION

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE STAFF AT AST CONTRACT HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THERE SEEMS TO BE A GREAT NEED FOR EDUCATING SOME TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR REFERRALS AND ER VISITS.

THESE GUIDELINE WERE SET UP BY THE TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO AND THEY ARE UPDATED EACH YEAR. SO NONE OF THE RULES HAVE CHANGED AS SOME PEOPLE THINK, SO IF THE GUIDELINES ARE NOT FOLLOWED, THEN MEDICAL CHARGES WILL NOT BE PAID BY CONTRACT HEALTH. ONE OF THE GUIDELINES STATE THAT A TRIBAL MEMBER MUST HAVE A PHYSICIAN'S ORDER TO BE REFERRED OUT TO A SPECIALTY CLINIC, i.e., CARDIOLOGY, NEUROLOGY, ORTHOPEDIC, PHYSICAL THERAPY.... WE HAVE CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN SPECIALTY CLINICS, SO OUR DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE THAT APPOINTMENT AND NOTIFY THE PATIENT. BUT IF YOU HAVE PRIVATE INSURANCE, THEN

THE PROTOCOL FOR YOUR INSURANCE WILL HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED. OUR DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN VERY LENIENT IN PAYING SOME OF THESE BILLS EVEN THO PROTOCOL HAS NOT BEEN FOLLOWED, BUT WITH THE NEW YEAR COMING, THIS WILL NO LONGER HAPPEN. IF GUIDELINES/PROTOCOL ARE NOT FOLLOWED, THEN YOUR MEDICAL BILLS CAN BE DENIED.

ANOTHER GUIDELINE IS THAT THE LAC CLINIC MUST BE NOTIFIED WHEN GOING TO THE ER, EVEN IF YOU DO NOT USE THAT CLINIC. BUT IF YOU WANT THE TRIBE TO PAY FOR THESE SERVICES, THEN YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOWING PROTOCOL. THIS INCLUDES THE 72 HOUR NOTICE TO CONTRACT HEALTH AFTER GOING TO THE ER.

THERE IS ALSO A BIG PROBLEM WITH TRIBAL MEMBERS NOT SHOWING UP FOR THEIR APPOINTMENTS THAT CONTRACT HEALTH HAS SET UP FOR THEM. IF YOU CAN NOT MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT, THEN IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE PHYSICIAN AND CONTRACT HEALTH. IF YOU DO NOT NOTIFY THE PROVIDER (DENTAL, MEDICAL OR EYES), THEY CAN AND WILL CHARGE YOU WITH A \$25 CHARGE. THE TRIBE WILL NOT PICK THIS CHARGE UP EITHER; IT WILL BE YOURS TO PAY. WHEN YOU ARE A NO CALL/NO SHOW, IT REFLECTS BACK ON THE TRIBE.

ALSO EVERY TRIBAL MEMBER WHO USES OUR HEALTH PROGRAMS, MUST BE UPDATED IN OUR SYSTEM EVERY SIX MONTHS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF OUR GUIDELINES, THEN CALL OR COME BY THE CONTRACT HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND ONE WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU.

THANK YOU!!

## ICW RECEIVES AWARD!



Jodi Owings, Linda &amp; Mike Floyd

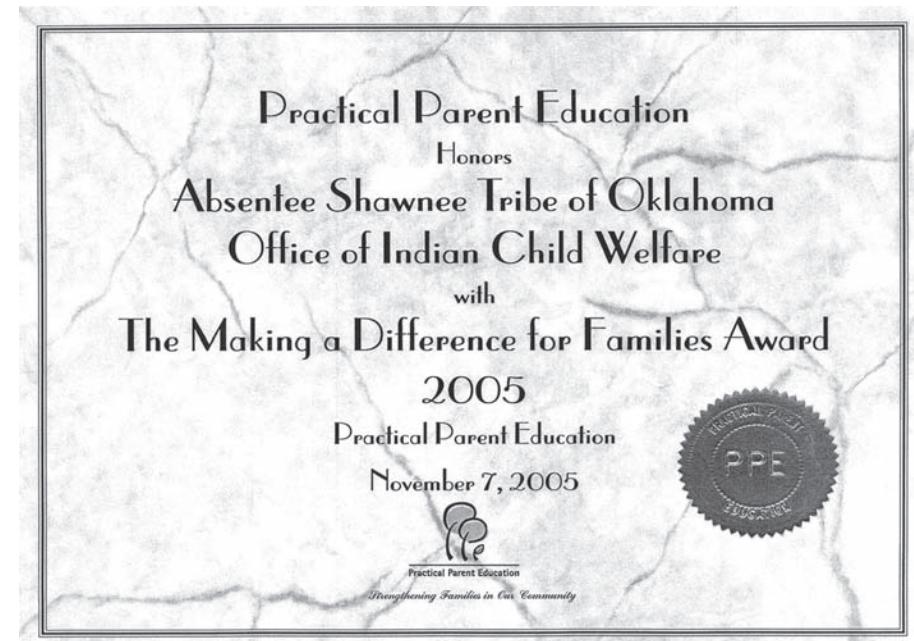
Jodi Owings, Indian Child Welfare/Foster Care/Parent Educator, attended the Annual Practical Parent Education Conference. PPE is the curriculum that the tribe uses for our Parenting classes and Parenting Quick Tips that have been appearing in the past few tribal newspapers. This year, we sent in a profile of our Parenting Program and the things that we have been doing with it. For example, the age-specific Parenting classes that have been offered, being able to provide baby-sitting, meals, and door prizes. We included informa-

tion about our annual Back to School Bash and how this year we had a Homework Quick Tips session for parents, along with a few door prizes. Our program was very lucky and blessed to win the "Making A Difference in Families Award". Each year at the conference, this award along with two others, are given out. This year, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe won a stipend from Mike and Linda Floyd. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd give this stipend to a program that is doing what they can to help parents. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd have given this award each year in honor of their parents. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe would like to express our sincerest thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd!

With this stipend, goals are to develop a Parenting Resource Library. We will be able to purchase books, videos, family-type games that can be checked out by tribal members. Topics of items will range from family development, bullying, puberty - topics that are not easily discussed but should be. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas of other topics, please contact Jodi Owings at 405-275-4030 extension 198.

## THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE NEWS

December 2005



## December 2005

S M T W T F S



4	Baked Chicken Seasoned Potatoes Squash Salad Bar	5	Mexican Casserole Spanish Rice Custard No Salad Bar	6	Hamburger Steak Baked Potato Greenbeans Peach Crisp Salad Bar	7	BLT Chips Fruit Whip Salad Bar	8	Grilled Chicken Breast Rice Pilaf Broccoli & Chez Banana Pudding Salad Bar	9		10
11	Chicken Noodle Soup Crackers Yellow Cake No Salad Bar	12	Stir Fry Rice Eggrolls Salad Bar Fortune Cookie	13	Shepherds Pie Wheat Bread Apple Crisp Salad Bar	14	Chili Cornbread Cinnamon Rolls Salad Bar	15	Chef Salad Breadsticks Mixed Fruits	16		17
18	Baked Pork Chops Mashed Potato Blackeyed Peas Salad Bar/ Jell-O	19	Chicken Fajitas Refried Beans Spanish Rice Bread Pudding Salad Bar	20	Indian Tacos Grape Dumplings No Salad Bar	21	Title VI Christmas Dinner	22	AST CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS	23	CHRISTMAS EVE	24
25	AST CLOSED	26	Soup Salad Fruit	27	Beef Pot Pie Cheesecake Salad Bar	28	BBQ Chicken Baked Beans French Fries	29	Breakfast & Bingo 8:30 am	30	New Year's Eve	31

**Feeling Strung Out?**

The winter holidays are a joyous season. It is a time when families share treasured traditions, customs and beliefs with relatives and friends far and near. But quite often, our efforts to create the "perfect holiday" for our families result in undue stress on parents and children alike. And in the process, we tend to lose sight of what is truly important.

As we enter into the holiday season, reflect on those things which mean the most to your family. Sit down as a family and tank in order those traditions and rituals which are most important and then focus on those this holiday season.

- enjoying family and friends
- exchanging gifts
- sharing with those less fortunate
- hosting or attending holiday festivities
- celebrating religious traditions and beliefs
- enjoying a few days off from job and school
- decorating the home
- enjoying special traditions
- baking and preparing holiday goodies
- making preparations for a new year
- other \_\_\_\_\_
- other \_\_\_\_\_



## Parenting Quick Tips

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### State Certified

Driver License Re-statement  
DUI Assessments - \$175.00

#### DUI Schools

10 Hour - \$150.00

Aftercare/Relapse Prevention - 12 weeks

Anger Management - 12 weeks

Substance Abuse Outpatient Group - 6 to 20 wks

Intensive Outpatient Program - Min. 6 weeks

#### NACOR

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## A WORD OF CAUTION WHEN GIVING OR TAKING MEDICATIONS

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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OKLAHOMA CITY – As the cold and cough season arrives, consumers will purchase a variety of prescription and over-the-counter medicines, warranting a word of caution. Lee McGoodwin, managing director of the Oklahoma Poison Control Center, said, "Medications must be taken or given at certain times and in specific dosing amounts according to age, weight and medical history. Mistakes in dosing amounts can create toxic results for children as well as adults." When a mistake has been made in giving or taking medicine, many people call the poison center to find out what to do. Several common medication dosing mistakes include:

- giving a small child doses of fever medicine along with a cough and cold syrup for several days before checking labels and finding acetaminophen in both products (too much acetaminophen can cause severe liver damage);
- using an adult-sized dispensing cup to measure two teaspoons of a cough syrup instead of giving one-half teaspoonful to a small child;
- putting eardrops in a baby's eyes.

The Oklahoma Poison Control Center has the following tips for preventing medication mistakes.

- Know when, how much and how often a medication is to be taken.
- Know what your medicines are intended to do and what side effects may result from them.
- Know what to do if you miss a dose.
- Know what foods and other drugs to avoid.
- Know what problems to report to your physician right away.
- Read labels and follow directions according to manufacturer guidelines or prescription directions for all medications.
- Know how to store your medicine properly.
- Do not assume that taking twice the recommended dose is better or works faster.
- Look to see what ingredients are in the medication. Be sure that you are not double dosing, especially with acetaminophen (e.g., giving a pain reliever and a cough and cold medicine).
- Use the right measuring device. Use a calibrated dosing syringe or medicine spoon, since household teaspoons do not reliably measure 5-millimeter amounts.
- Before you give a dose, talk with all other caregivers who may be involved in dispensing medications to children or other individuals.
- Keep a log by writing down each time a dose is given.
- Keep medicines out of reach and out of sight of small children.
- Use child-resistant caps on all medications, since many medicines are flavored and may even taste good to small children.
- Ask your physician or pharmacist any questions you have regarding the safe use of medications.

If you suspect an overdose or poisoning, contact the Oklahoma Poison Control Center at (800) 222-1222. For more medication tips, visit the Oklahoma Poison Control Center Web site at [www.oklahomapoison.org](http://www.oklahomapoison.org). The poison center is staffed 24 hours a day by specially trained pharmacists and registered nurses. The Oklahoma Poison Control Center is a program of the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy in the Children's Hospital at OU MEDICAL CENTER.

## ENVIRONMENTAL OPEN HOUSE

\*Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> \*

11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to learn about current projects and to meet tribal environmental staff.



Location:  
40208 Benson Park Rd.  
Tecumseh, OK

Corner of Benson Park Rd & Hwy 177  
"Old Lillard Pipe & Supply"

## OBITUARY

**Johnnie Mae (Tiger) Gokey**      **AGE: 76**

ADDRESS: Shawnee, Oklahoma  
DATE OF DEATH: November 23, 2005  
PLACE OF DEATH: Shawnee, Oklahoma

**SERVICES WERE HELD**

DATE: Saturday, November 26, 2005  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Graveside  
OFFICIATING: Rev. Thomas Morris & George  
Blanchard  
CEMETERY: Tecumseh Cemetery

**PERSONAL HISTORY**

BIRTHDATE: June 23, 1929  
BIRTHPLACE: Carter-Nine, Oklahoma  
PARENTS: John W. & Caroline Andrus (Hood)  
Tiger

RESIDENCE: She was raised in Tulsa and Corpus  
Christi, TX. She spent most of her adult life in Wichita,  
Kansas, moving to Oklahoma in the late 1960's.

EDUCATION: She attended the Pawnee Indian  
Boarding School, the Haskell Institute in Lawrence,  
Kansas, Chilocco Indian Agricultural School, as well  
as Wichita Business College, where she received  
her degree.

MARRIAGE: On May 29, 1973 she married John Pershing "General" Gokey. He precedes her in death.  
OCCUPATION: She worked for the State of Oklahoma in the Department of Human Services in  
Oklahoma City until her retirement.

MEMBERSHIPS & HIGHLIGHTS OF LIFE: She  
attended Pow-Wows, and enjoyed the traditional  
Indian ways, sitting around the drums, singing at  
pow wows. She was a champion shell shaker, and  
participated in stomp dances. She enjoyed sewing,  
cooking, camping and Kung Fu movies.

PRECEDED BY: She was preceded in death by her  
husband, her parents, a brother: Riley Gene Tiger,  
and a sister: Juanita Faye Tiger Folsom

**SURVIVORS:**

Daughters: Helen Hamilton of EL Reno, OK; Bobbie Janet Briscoe of Illinois; Tammy Dean Bealer of  
Wichita, KS; and Mary Wood of Shawnee  
Sons: John W. Hamilton Sr., of Shawnee and Forest  
Kesko Neil Walker of Shawnee  
Many adopted sons & daughters  
Sisters: Nancy Rae Tiger of Wichita, KS; Becky Marie  
Tiger Rivas of Tulsa, OK;  
Brothers: Benjamin David Tiger of Meeker; Frank  
Tiger of Shawnee; and Jerry Tiger of Wichita, KS  
Numerous Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

**OLDER SISTER JOHNNIE MAE**

*Sisters have a way of being a pet,  
Running around the house with their hair wet,  
The many things they do for the others,  
Quite often at time it helps their brothers,  
The little things seem to come to my mind,  
Her delicious nut fudge was a great find,  
The many happy thoughts of the good times,  
For over the years your shells made a chime.*

*As the drums sounded for a pretty dance,  
In your blend of colors you glide and prance,  
The colored ribbons would flow from your hair,  
And the fringe from the shawl bounced with a flair,  
Beautiful sons you sang were not the blues,  
Lightly stepping with moccasins for shoes,  
I could see the sparkles in mom's bright eyes,  
You were both in step under the starry skies.*

*The days have passed from long time ago,  
Your dark shining hair has turned to snow,  
There were many lessons to be passed on,  
With each story the legend was not wrong,  
As your kind reward for a job well done,  
The SPIRIT has taken you to the sun,  
All of the days were not sugar and spice,  
Your journey has taken to somewhere nice.*

*Pe-ya-ge-ti-se-mo  
Frank Tiger  
Braided Indian Poetry  
November 24, 2005*

**Happy Birthday**

**Georgieann  
from  
your little Sis**

**Happy Birthday**

**Dana  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, L.A.  
Uriah & Granny**

**Happy Birthday**

**Babs**

**From  
Your Little Sis**

**Happy 95th  
Birthday  
Mother  
(Catherine Masquat)**

**from her lovely  
daughters**

**Happy Birthday  
Jamie**

**from Aunt Cheryl and  
Family**

## Absentee Shawnee Tribal Childrens Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10, 2005

at Tecumseh Square.

8:00 am til 10:00 am - Breakfast

10:00 am til 1:00 pm - Christmas Party!

**Must Present Child's CDIB Card to**

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## THANK YOU

I would like to thank the Absentee Shawnee Tribe for their help and condolences and help with the burial of my sister, Johnnie Mae Tiger Gokey. There were many tribal members that attended and many friends that knew her as she attended Haskell Institute and Chilocco Indian Boarding Schools. I would like to thank Scott Miller for all of his support even when it was on his day off for the time and thoughtfulness in our family needs from the AST Tribe. I would like to thank Michelle for her time and support even though she had a funeral to attend also. The help of all of the relatives and the Absentee Shawnee Elders was and still is a big comfort to our family.

The John W. and Caroline TIGER FAMILY and the children of Johnnie Mae Tiger Gokey  
Helen Gayle and John W. Hamilton Sr.,  
Ne' wa ye  
Pe-ya-ge-ti-se-mo Frank Tiger

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THANKSGIVING MEAL!**

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# Holiday Health Hike

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## Senator McCain is going forward with proposed legislation in spite of Indian Input

### Sen. McCain Floor Statement on IGRA Amendments

*The following is the text of a floor statement made by Sen. John McCain (R-Arizona) on S.0278, A bill to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to clarify the authority of the National Indian Gaming Commission to regulate class III gaming, to limit the lands eligible for gaming, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs. November 18, 2005.*

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I am introducing today a bill to amend regulatory provisions of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). The bill clarifies that the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) has authority to promulgate and enforce Minimum Internal Control Standards as to Class III gaming; grants the NIGC Chairman authority to approve contracts, and expands contract approval to include contracts not only for management contracts but also for gaming operation development contracts and consulting services, as well as for any contract the fees for which are to be paid as a percentage of gaming revenue; tightens restrictions on off-reservation gaming; gives the NIGC authority to issue complaints against any individual or entity, not just against tribes or management contractors, that violate IGRA or federal regulations; and requires all tribes to pay fees to the NIGC.

When IGRA was enacted in 1988, Indian gaming was a \$200 million dollar industry. Today, the industry earns \$19 billion a year and is spread throughout the nation. The amendments reflect the need to re-evaluate what constitutes appropriate regulation of this vastly changed enterprise. I have always been and continue to be a supporter of the rights of Indian tribes to conduct gaming, a right guaranteed by the Supreme Court in the California v. Cabazon decision and codified in IGRA, but I also continue to believe that effective regulation of these enterprises are critical to tribes' continued success. Ensuring that the NIGC is able to continue its oversight of Class III gaming is necessary to this effective regulation. On August 24, 2005, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia issued its decision in Colorado River Indian Tribes v. NIGC (''CRIT''), ruling that the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) did not have jurisdiction to issue Class III Minimum Internal Controls Standards (MICS). These standards regulate day-to-day operations of gaming operations. Specifically, they provide rules that designate how cash is handled by the gaming operation, prescribe surveillance over game play, and provide auditing procedures.

Until the Court's decision, the NIGC had been regulating Class III gaming through MICS since 1999. The regulations applied both to Class II gaming--that is, bingo and games similar to bingo--and to Class III gaming--including slot machines and table games--which represents the largest source of revenue in Indian gaming. Following to CRIT decision this summer, however, some tribes have challenged NIGC's authority to issue or enforce the MICS. Although without NIGC authority, oversight of Class III gaming may be provided by tribal-State compacts, States' roles in enforcement varies widely and many have left such regulation to NIGC. In a Nationwide industry, uniform federal minimum internal control standards are appropriate. This amendment makes clear that NIGC continues to have the authority it has exercised until now to issue and enforce MICS, including the ability to inspect facilities and audit premises in order to assure compliance.

Protecting the integrity of Indian gaming also requires that the NIGC's authority to review manager contracts be expanded. IGRA originally identified only one kind of contract that was subject to NIGC approval: management contracts. History

has shown, however, that in order to avoid NIGC review, some contracts have been fashioned as ``consulting'' contracts or ``development'' contracts, i.e., something other than ``management'' contracts that require NIGC review. In these cases, tribes run the risk that contractors will enforce unfair contract terms, and tribes and patrons run the risk that the tribe will contract with unsuitable partners. This amendment extends NIGC approval to all significant gaming operation related contracts so that the Indian gaming industry remains, as far as possible, free from unscrupulous and unsuitable contractors.

Related to protecting the integrity of Indian gaming is the issue of off-reservation gaming. When enacted in 1988, IGRA generally banned Indian gaming that was not located on reservations, however, in the interest of fairness, several exceptions to this ban were provided. Exploitation of these exceptions, not anticipated at the time IGRA was enacted, has led to a burgeoning practice by unscrupulous developers seeking to profit off Indian tribes desperate for economic development. Predictably, these ill-advised deals have invited a backlash against Indian gaming generally. These amendments to IGRA will put an end to the most troublesome of these proposals by eliminating the authority of the Secretary to take land into trust off-reservation pursuant to the so-called ``two-part determination'' provisions of Section 20.

In addressing concerns about other exceptions in Section 20 for land claims, initial reservations and restored reservations, these amendments strike a balance by curbing potential abuses of these exceptions, while not unfairly penalizing those who lost their lands through no fault of their own, or even had them taken illegally--often by force. Thus, newly recognized and restored tribes may still obtain lands, and conduct gaming on them, but such lands must be in the area where the particular tribe has its most significant ties. This has been the case for most newly recognized and restored tribes, and surely is not unfair to impose on all similarly situated tribes. For tribes that successfully reclaim lands taken illegally and want to conduct gaming on them, these amendments will require congressional confirmation and the lands must be within the state where the tribe has or had its last reservation. This provision does not impair any tribe's legal rights to reclaim lands, but will discourage attempts by creative non-Indian developers to turn a tribe's legal rights into a form of extortion.

Ensuring that penalties are appropriate and can be brought against the responsible party is another means of protecting the integrity of Indian gaming. To this end the bill clarifies that civil penalties can be imposed on any violator of IGRA, not just Indian tribes or management contractors.

Finally, this bill will ensure fairness in the regulation of Indian gaming by assuring that all tribes bear their appropriate share of the cost of regulation so that the industry, as a whole, continues to prosper. I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.  
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